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SUMMARY OF PHONE INTERVIEW AND APPLICATION STATUS CHECK

In the present application, Applicants filed an Appeal Brief which was received and accorded a mailing date of December 8, 2003.

Applicants never received a Docketing Notice for this Appeal Brief. Consequently, Applicants telephoned the responsible Examiner, Examiner Wasylchak, on April 16, 2004, more than four months after the filing of the Appeal Brief. Applicants inquired into the status of the application

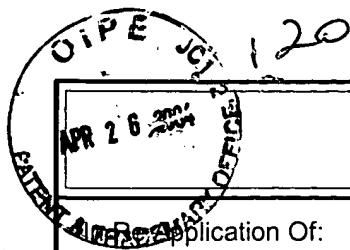
Examiner Wasylchak immediately stated that he remembered the application. He stated that he had taken no action on the application because he "thought that Priceline was going bankrupt". Applicants advised the Examiner that the present application is not assigned to Priceline, and that the present Assignee is not "going bankrupt".

The Examiner responded that he would eventually prepare an Office Action in response to Applicants' Appeal Brief sometime in May, depending on the Examiner's workload.

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